

Sat: 6.00 pm Mary Daly (Anniv) Sun: 10.00 am Special Intention

12.00 pm Kay Guiney (Anniv)

Mon: 10.00 am Special Intention Tues: 10.00 am Special Intention Wed: 10.00 am Special Intention Thur: 10.00 am Special Intention 10.00 am Special Intention 10.00 am Special Intention

Quote from Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment, Laudato Si

'The Bible teaches that every man and woman is created out of love and made in God's image and likeness. This shows us the immense dignity of each person, who is not just something but someone' (Par. 65).

Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcome back our parishioners to public Mass. As we return, we will continue to try and keep each other safe. Please remember to wear a mask at all times while in church, and observe the need for two metres distance from others. Be sure to sanitize your hands as you enter the church. At Communion time, you will be asked to approach the priest or Eucharistic Minister one side of the church at a time, always coming up the centre aisle and returning by the side aisles. The Minister will go to those in the gallery.



Need for new stewards

Many thanks to all our stewards who have continued in this important ministry. We will need some new stewards as well. If you are willing to help out the occasional Sunday in this vital ministry, please contact the parish office or Fr Martin or Fr John. Without a

sufficient number of stewards we won't be able to open up for public worship.

The numbers who can come to Sunday Mass

As happened in December, we are allowed to divide the church into three sections. Each section has to have its own entrance and exit and there can be no movement between sections. We are treating the block of seats at the top of the church nearest the altar as a separate section to the rest of the main body of the church. Entrance to and exit from this section is only through the side door in St. Anthony's chapel. The remainder of the main body of the church is another section, with the front door as entrance and exit. We are also treating the Gallery as a section. This now gives us a minimum capacity of 80 to 90 people.

New podcast available on the Parish Website

We have three young people on our Parish Pastoral Council, Jack, Robin and Giulia. Together with another member of the Council, Teresa, they have formed a Communications sub-committee. They had been engaged in making various podcasts. These are audio interviews with members of the various groups in the parish. The most recent podcast is an interview with members of the Parish Peace and Justice Group. It is there alongside the Podcast on the First Holy Communion Children. Click on the 'Our Parish' link on the Parish



Mass for Confirmation children

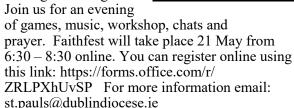
focus on the candidates for Confirmation at the various family

FaithFest

Masses. At our own 10.00 am Mass, two children and their parents will be present to represent the candidates for Confirmation in both of the Belgrove schools. Please remember to keep our Confirmation children in your prayers

Faithfest – Powered by the Spirit

Calling all teenagers!



Sunday Mass Collection, 8/9 May

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €295and the second collection for Share was €165. Many thanks for your continued contribution to both collections in these financially demanding times. You can make use of the special envelopes in the church porch or you can avail of the Donate button on the Parish Website.

New Notice Board

We have a new notice board at the back of the church, which is reserved for notices and images relating to the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The table holding the Irish Catholic and other booklets is now in Saint Anthony's chapel, as is the Catholic Truth Society stand. We are getting a second stand to hold the little booklets that were usually placed in the central section of the old

Parish Holy Hour

The next hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Sunday, 16th May, at 7.30 pm. As we come towards the end of the Easter Season, we will be Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and in reflecting on the story of the appearance of all three parishes, there will be a special the risen Lord to his disciples in chapter 20 of the Gospel of John.

Zoom Prayer Meeting

The Zoom prayer meeting continues every Thursday at 7.30 pm. It is an hour of prayer, based on the gospel reading for the following Sunday. If you would like to attend, please email the parish office and we will send you on the Zoom link.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

This month's meeting of the PPC takes place on Monday, 17th May, at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom. If any parishioner would like to place an item on the Agenda, please mention it to Fr. Martin, Fr. John, Liam Nolan, the chairperson, or to any other member of the PPC.

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MASSES

St John the Baptist

Mon - Sat: 10.00 am, 6.00 pm (V), Sundays: 10.00 am., 12.00 pm St Gabriel's: Sat (Vigil) 5.00pm Sunday 10.30 am and 6.00 pm St Anthony's: Sat 5.30 pm (Vigil) Sunday 10.00 am, 11.30 am

CONFESSIONS

After the 10 a.m. Mass on Sat and after the 10 a.m Mass on the Thurs before the First Friday

BAPTISMS

On the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11.00 am and the 3rd Saturday of each month at 12 noon

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> > Monday to Friday